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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group (II) namely, claims 5, 6 and 11 which are drawn to a process of making an ionic sensor.

Accordingly, this is fully responsive to the Office Action and a prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants filing a divisional application to the non-elected group of claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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